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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
GABRIEL ROUSSIE : ATTN: APPLICATION DIVISION  
SERIAL NO: NEW U.S. APPLICATION :  
(BASED ON PCT/EP03/14843)  
FILED: HERewith :  
FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING A :  
THREADED TUBULAR  
CONNECTION SEALED TO THE  
OUTSIDE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

Prior to a first examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.